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4 Nov. 1780

To His Excellency The Gov^r Council and Assembly of the State of Vermont Now Convened in Bennington.

The request or Petition of Ira Allen humbly sheweth— That there are many accounts in his office as Treasurer unsettled, that are of too long standing— That in order for the Treasurer to make a compleat and regular settlement with the State several other persons ought first to be settled with. (Viz) Commissioners of Confiscated Estates Commissioners of Sequestrations &c.

The Treasurer therefore proposes that some suitable method be taken that all persons that have been entrusted with public money be settled with at least this winter. as I think a compleat settlement ought to be made once in a year with all persons that are interested with public money.

The subscriber hath farther to observe (viz) That as he hath from the first formation of this State been employed in Public Business that he hath spent near all his time in Sd Business much to the prejudice of his own Private Interest. that he hath for the most part furnished himself with Expence money for which time and Expence he hath not Exhibited any accounts for settlement he therefore requests that the committee that may be appointed to settle with the Treasurer be empowered, or that some other Committee be appointed to settle said accounts, and as Sd accounts are principally in Continental money in the various stages of depreciation it would be proper that Sd Committee be empowered to reduce Sd accounts in Equity to Hard money and Lastly the subscriber would take it as a favour if the Assembly would resolve that whatever should be found on a settlement to be his due that he together with his associates might receive his pay in Lands to be hereafter located under the same Regulations restrictions & Price as Lands of the same Quality and Situation are granted at this session.

I am with sentiments

I Esteem your
Obedient Humble Servt.
I. Allen

Bennington No 4th. 1780